

**BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

In the Matter of Applications for Consent)	
to the Transfer of Control of Licenses)	
and Section 214 Authorization from)	
)	
AMERITECH CORPORATION,)	CC Docket No. 98-141
Transferor,)	
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To)	
)	
SBC COMMUNICATIONS INC.,)	
Transferee.)	
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**REPLY COMMENTS OF THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
REGARDING THE PROPOSED SBC/AMERITECH MERGER**

The Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC) submits the following response to the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) in regards to initial comments filed on or about October 15, 1998 in CC docket No. 98-141.

The MPSC concurs with the Kansas Corporation Commission in its recommendation that the Commission carefully consider the effect of the proposed SBC/Ameritech merger on the telecommunications infra-structures, quality of service and competitive markets within the in-region states. The MPSC further recommends that the Commission, at a minimum, consider the same conditions set forth in the

merger between Nynex Corporation and Bell Atlantic Corporation¹, and that if such conditions are considered to be appropriate that they then be imposed as a pre-condition to merger.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Nynex Corporation and Bell Atlantic Corporation, Memorandum Opinion & Order, 12 FCC Rcd. 19985 ¶13 (1997).